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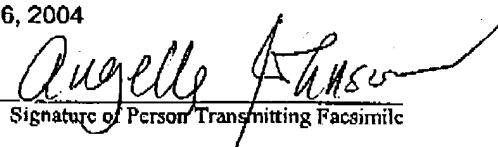
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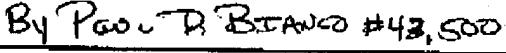
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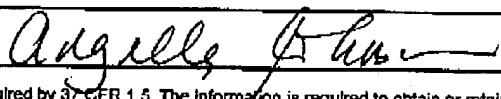
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| 1001 770 | 2001 395 | Utility filing fee | | 770 | |
| 1002 340 | 2002 170 | Design filing fee | | | |
| 1003 530 | 2003 265 | Plant filing fee | | | |
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Independent Claims | Multiple Dependent | Extra Claims below | Fee from | Fee Paid |
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| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 88 | 2201 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 290 | 2203 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 88 | 2204 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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| 1052 50 | 2052 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | | | |
| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification | | | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | | | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | | | |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | | | |
| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month | | | |
| 1252 420 | 2252 210 | Extension for reply within second month | | | |
| 1253 950 | 2253 475 | Extension for reply within third month | | | |
| 1254 1,480 | 2254 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | | | |
| 1255 2,010 | 2255 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | | | |
| 1401 330 | 2401 165 | Notice of Appeal | | | |
| 1402 330 | 2402 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | | | |
| 1403 280 | 2403 145 | Request for oral hearing | | | |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | | | |
| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | | | |
| 1453 1,330 | 2453 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | | | |
| 1301 1,330 | 2501 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | | | |
| 1502 480 | 2502 240 | Design issue fee | | | |
| 1503 640 | 2503 320 | Plant issue fee | | | |
| 1480 130 | 1480 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | | | |
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| 1806 180 | 1806 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | | | |
| 8021 40 | 8021 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | | | |
| 1809 770 | 2809 365 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | | | |
| 1810 770 | 2810 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | | | |
| 1801 770 | 2801 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | | | |
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I believe I am an original and first inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

STEERING COLUMN AND ADJUSTMENT METHOD FOR A STEERING COLUMN

the specification of which: (check one)

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as Application Serial No. 10/771,846

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit of foreign priority under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application the priority of which is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

| Number No. | Country | Filing Date | Priority Claimed <u>YES</u> <u>NO</u> |
|---------------|---------|------------------|--|
| 298 08 317.5 | GERMANY | May 11, 1998 | X |
| 299 01 657.9 | GERMANY | February 3, 1999 | X |
| 299 00 289.6 | GERMANY | January 9, 1999 | X |

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U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent

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|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 10/018,206 | March 22, 2002 | |
| 10/031,080 | May 10, 2002 | |
| PCT/DE00/01889 | June 9, 2000 | |
| PCT/DE00/02286 | July 13, 2000 | |

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